

CITY OF HURST  
COUNTY OF TARRANT

STATE OF TEXAS

On the 18th day of July 2019 at 6:00 p.m., the Parks and Recreation Board of the City of Hurst, Texas, convened its Regular Meeting at the Hurst Public Library, 901 Precinct Line Road, Hurst, Texas, with the following member's present to-wit:

Alan Neace	)	Chairman
Pat King	)	Members
Rod Robertson	)	
Gary Waldron	)	
Kyle Gordon	)	Executive Director of Community Services
Chris Watson	)	Recreation Director
Kristie Weaver	)	Parks Director
Eric Starnes	)	Director of Facilities & Project Management
Paige Lutz	)	Recreation Administrative Assistant
Kathleen Nahidi	)	Parks Administrative Assistant
Hannah Titony	)	Library Assistant II

with the following members absent: Ralph Hurd, Karen Spencer, Bob Walker, Jessica Martin, and Will Blackburn, constituting a quorum, at which time the following business was transacted:

- I. **Call to Order:** Alan Neace called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
- II. **Roll Call of Members:** Paige Lutz conducted the Roll Call of Members.
- III. **Approval of Minutes:** Rod Robertson made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 20, 2019 regular meeting; Gary Waldron seconded the motion.

AYES: King, Neace, Robertson, Waldron

NOES: None

IV. **Staff Report:**

A. **Director's Report:**

1. **June Participation Report:** Chris Watson, Recreation Director, presented the following statistics for the June Participation Report:

<u>June</u>	
Recreation Center	16,623
Classroom Programs	2,771
Fitness Center	4,593
Tennis Center	1,097

Facility Rentals	192
Active Members	2,547

2. **Program Highlight:** Mr. Watson reported that the July Program Highlight features the *Classroom Program Ready for Preschool and Kindergarten Camp*. This new and very popular camp is offered by preschool instructor, Anne Stokes, on a half day schedule for ages 4 and 5 and follows the HEBISD curriculum.

**B. Special Events:**

1. **2019 Fish Stocking Program:** The dates for the upcoming fish stocking at the Chisholm Park Pond were displayed.
2. **Special Needs Swimming Recap:** Central Aquatics Center held a Special Needs Swimming event on June 21<sup>st</sup>. This very successful event saw a 150% increase over last year's event. Chisholm Aquatics Center will also offer a Special Needs Swimming event on August 3<sup>rd</sup>.
3. **Golden Couples Recap:** The Golden Couples event was held on June 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Hurst Senior Activities Center. Thirty-seven couples enjoyed refreshments and entertainment provided by the Nobles of Note Band.
4. **Stars & Stripes Recap:** Chris Watson gave a recap of the 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Hurst Stars and Stripes event that included three bands, a children's area, petting zoo, inflatables, food trucks and a 25 minute fireworks show. There were approximately 37,000 people in attendance.
5. **Dive-In Movie Recap:** Central Aquatics Center held its second annual Dive-in Movie on July 13<sup>th</sup>. The event featured the movie *Wreck-It Ralph: Ralph Breaks the Internet*. Tickets were \$5.00 per person and season pass holders were free.
6. **Doggie Dive-In Preview:** Central Aquatics Center will offer a Doggie Dive-In event on August 24<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The event will cost \$5.00 for each dog with a limit of two dogs. A discounted price of \$3.00 is available for those bringing a donation for the Hurst Animal Shelter. Proof of vaccinations is required for all pets.

**C. Works in Progress:**

1. **TXDOT Green Ribbon Grant Phase 2:** The project is complete. The contractor is responsible for plant maintenance until September 2019.

2. **TXDOT Green Ribbon Grant Phase 3:** The project has started and will be completed in the summer. Currently, the contractor is installing irrigation and placing topsoil in the plant bed areas.
3. **TXDOT Green Ribbon Grant Phase 3a:** The medians at the SH 10 and Hwy 820 intersection are being drastically modified with the upcoming highway construction. The City has paid for a consultant to design the landscape for the medians and the construction will be funded by TXDOT out of the highway project.
4. **TXDOT Green Ribbon Grant Phase 4:** The public bids for the project opened on June 28<sup>th</sup>. Currently, TXDOT is reviewing the bids and will approve the project for construction in the fall.
5. **Tennis Center Renovations:** The architect is working on design plans so that construction can start in late 2019. The storage area will be located separately from the main building due to a storm sewer conflict.
6. **Animal Shelter and Dog Park:** Staff has met with a consultant to review the dog park site. The consultant will make recommendations on the dog park based on the available budget. The consultant will review the size, fencing requirements, and drainage of the area.
7. **Recreation Center HVAC Replacement:** Facility Services has received the new rooftop air-conditioning unit. The crane company has been scheduled for early August to set the unit on top of the gym.
8. **Nancy Lieberman Charities Dream Court Grant:** The Dream Court Grant at Central Aquatic Center parking lot is being reviewed and evaluated. Staff expects to know the results soon.
9. **Rickel Park Overlook:** A consultant is performing a value engineering study on the Rickel Park overlook that is damaged from erosion. The overlook will be either replaced or removed.
10. **Brookside Counter Repairs:** Staff replaced the damaged countertops.

**D. Staff Activities:**

1. **August Calendar:** Chris Watson reviewed the calendars of events highlights for the month of August.
2. **Recreation Specialist Update:** Mr. Watson reported that Lauren Snyder, Recreation Specialist, welcomed the arrival of a new baby boy on July 2, 2019.

**V. Report of the Committee:** None to discuss.

**VI. Communications:**

**A. Social Media Presence:** Chris Watson presented examples of the Recreation Center's Social Media presence.

**VII. Unfinished Business:** None to discuss at this time.

**VIII. New Business:** None to discuss at this time.

**IX. Informational Items:**

**A. National Recreation and Park Month Programming:** July is National Recreation and Parks Month. Mr. Watson reviewed the remaining events taking place during July.

**B. 2019-20 Budget Update:** Kyle Gordon presented an overview of the City's budget for FY 2019-20. Included was a summary of the Community Services General Fund and Half Cent Fund, PAYGO projects, and Park Donation Fund.

**C. 2019 Aquatics Season Update:** Chris Watson reported the City's aquatics safety consulting group, Ellis & Associates, Inc. (E & A), made their second, of three, unannounced observational audits of the season. Mr. Watson reported the aquatic centers received an "Exceeds" rating on this second audit of the season. He also reported that first year lifeguard, Bryce Dubose, received the E & A Golden Guard Award. This award represents exceptional Swimmer Surveillance, Vigilance & Professionalism; only 1% of the Ellis Lifeguards worldwide receive this award.

**X. Board Member and Citizen Comments:** Rod Robertson mentioned the first Saturday in June is National Fishing and Boating Day and on this day people can fish without a license. Chris Watson reported that the Kid's All American Fishing Derby event began in response to the National Fishing and Boating Day. Due to several years of inclement weather, the event was permanently moved to September; however, you can fish at Chisholm pond without a license on National Fishing and Boating Day.

Mr. Robertson commented that the Tri-Cities Baseball Team, The Knights, won the USSSA (United States Specialty Sports Association) World Series. He asked if the team and Hurst Lifeguard Mr. Bryce Debose, could be honored at the next City Council Meeting. Mr. Watson reported that Staff is in the process of inviting both the team and Mr. Debose to attend the next City Council Meeting.

**XI. Adjournment:** Pat King made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

AYES: King, Neace, Robertson, Waldron

NOES: None

Alan Neace adjourned the meeting at 6:49 p.m.

APPROVED this the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

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CHAIRMAN

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RECORDING SECRETARY